# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Supervisor's Report on Use of Force



#2362640 2547

### Incident Information

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| URN: 914 - 13491 - 1127 - 151 | Date: 08/05/14 | Time: 0605 Hours | |
| Location: [redacted] Sentry Lane | City or Station: Lancaster | | |
| Bureau/Station/Facility: North/Lancaster | Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO | | |
| Type of Force: Canine Bite | | | |
| Incident Category: ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 | Deputy Injury: ○ YES ◉ NO | Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO | |
| ☒ Call | ☐ Observation | ☐ Detail | ☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit |
| IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO | Person Notified: Lt. D. Flores | Emp: [redacted] | IAB Roll Out ○ YES ◉ NO |

### Involved Employee

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Employee #: [redacted] | Last Name: Barragan | First Name: Edwin | Middle I.: | Rank: B-1 | | |
| Sex: ◉ M ○ F | Race: H | Height: 5'04" | Weight: 152 | Age: [redacted] | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ◉ PM | ◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty |
| Unit of Assignment: Special Enforcement Bureau | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 240K9-6 | | | | | |
| Individual Force Used: Canine Bite | ◉ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist | Individual Category ○ 1 ○ 2 ◉ 3 | | | | |
| ☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted Facility: | Coroner Case #: | | | | | |

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| Sex: ○ M ○ F | Race: | Height: | Weight: | Age: | Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM | ○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty |
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### On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank | Present | Witness to Incident |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Hayes | Patrick | N. | SGT | YES ◉ NO ○ | YES ◉ NO ○ |

### Supervisor Completing Investigation

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank | Present | Witness to Incident |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Hayes | Patrick | N. | SGT | YES ◉ NO ○ | YES ◉ NO ○ |

### Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle I. | Rank |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | Chase | Bruce | D. | LT |

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** [signature] Date: 9/3/14

Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #: [redacted] Date: 9-28-14

Unit Commander **(Print Name)**: Jack W. Ewell, Captain

Unit Commander's **Signature:** [signature]

Emp #:

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☒ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

## SUSPECT INFORMATION

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### Suspect Information

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Last Name: Odell | First Name: Ronnie | Middle Name: Lee | Armed? Select: Firearm (Handgun)

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: (●) Male ( ) Female | Race: W | Age: 34 | Height: 602 | Weight 200 | D.O.B: 12-03-79 | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 4052-235 | Primary Charge Code: 29800(a)(1) PC | Secondary Charge Code: 11379(a) HS | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? (●) YES ( ) NO | Name: L.A.C.F.D Capt. Marshall | Unit: Engine #134 | Phone #: (661) 723-8546

Hospital Admission? [X] | Rec'd Treatment At: Antelope Valley Hosp. | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Doctor J. Termeer | Address: 1600 W. Avenue J, Lancaster CA 93535 | Phone #: 661-949-5000

Under Influence: (●) YES ( ) NO | Substance: CNS Stimulant | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES (●) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 08-05-2014 | Time: 0735 | [X] Audiotape: | [X] Videotape: | [X] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Suspect Information

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Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | [ ] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | [ ] Audiotape: | [ ] Videotape: | [ ] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Suspect Information

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Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | Armed? Select:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: ( ) Male ( ) Female | Race: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Phone #1: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C | Phone #2: ( ) H ( ) W ( ) C

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

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Treated on Scene? ( ) YES ( ) NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History [ ] User's guide provides direction on this entry

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Under Influence: ( ) YES ( ) NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ( ) YES ( ) NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | [ ] Audiotape: | [ ] Videotape: | [ ] Photos of Injuries: | [ ] ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

[ ] Additional Suspects Involved

# Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
## EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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### Employee Witnesses

| Emp. # | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
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| [redacted] | Missel | Dennis | |

| Unit of Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): | Shift: | |
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| SEB | 240K9-5 | ○ EM ◉ Day ○ PM | ◉ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

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| | | ○ EM ○ Day PM | ○ Regular ○ OT ○ Off Duty |

### Non-Employee Witnesses

| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Age | D.O.B. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
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| Street Address | City | Zip Code | Phone #1 | Phone #2 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] |
| [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | [redacted] | |
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☐ Additional Witness

***Method***

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

***Type of Injury***

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

***Body Part Involved***

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

| FORCE USED BY | | FORCE USED AGAINST | | Method (Code) | Type of Injury (Code) | Body Part (Code) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Name | E# or S# | Name | E# or S# | | | |
| Suspect Odell | S#1 | Deputy Barragan | E#1 | HR | NN | NN |
| Suspect Odell | S#1 | Deputy Barragan | E#1 | UC | NN | NN |
| Deputy Barragan | E#1 | Suspect Odell | S#1 | CN | DB | AR |
| Deputy Barragan | E#1 | Suspect Odell | S#1 | CN | DB | AR |

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## Canine Deployment - Supervisor's Review

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| Primary Handler: Barragan | # [redacted] | Canine: Mike | Unit: 240K9-6 |
| Assist Handler: | # | Canine: | Unit: |
| Assist Handler: | # | Canine: | Unit: |
| Assist Handler: | # | Canine: | Unit: |

**TYPE OF SEARCH**

- ☐ Area
- ☐ Other:
- ☒ Building

**TYPE OF INCIDENT**

- ☒ Bite
- ☐ Other:

**BITE OCCURRED WHILE**

- ☐ Apprehending Suspect
- ☒ Conducting Search
- ☐ Protecting Handler
- ☐ Other:

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ☒ Announcements Were Made
- ☐ None (Reason):
- ☐ by Aero Unit
- ☐ by Radio Car
- ☒ English
- ☐ Spanish
- ☐ Recorded

Announcement Made by: Dep. Barragan, Dep. Chappell

**Criminal History**

[redacted]

**Notifications**

Lieutenant, Richard Martinez, Lancaster Station
Lieutenant Bruce Chase, Special Enforcement Bureau
Captain Jack Ewell, Special Enforcement Bureau
Lieutenant David Flores, Internal Affairs Bureau
Chief Roberta A. Abner, Homeland Security Division

[redacted]

On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at approximately 0249 hours, Lancaster Station unit 111A, Deputies A. Chappell #[redacted] and L. Schriever #[redacted], responded to a suspicious person call (Tag #49) at [redacted] Sentry Lane, Lancaster. The call stated a dark blue SUV drove up the street without lights on and parked two houses south of the location. There were two occupants still inside the vehicle. The vehicle had never been seen in the neighborhood before.

Upon their arrival at the location, Deputies Chappell and Schriever saw the vehicle parked facing north along the east curb in front of [redacted] Sentry Lane. As they drove by the vehicle, they illuminated the vehicle's interior and did not see anybody inside the vehicle. After passing the vehicle the deputies made a U-turn to pull in behind the vehicle. As they made their turn Deputy Chappell saw a male (later identified as [redacted] MW/[redacted]) run from the passenger side of the vehicle. [redacted] ran into the garage of the location. Deputies saw the garage door immediately close.

Deputies Chappell and Schriever checked the vehicle for additional people and did not find anyone else in the vehicle. They saw an empty nylon pistol holster on top of the center console of the vehicle. Believing there was a possible burglary or home invasion robbery in progress, deputies requested additional backup. The location was contained and deputies checked the front and back yard for additional suspects. Deputies made numerous announcements using their vehicle's public address (PA) system. The announcements identified the deputies as members of the Sheriff's Department and told the persons inside the residence to exit and contact the deputies. Deputies eventually contacted the [redacted] of the location, [redacted], FW/[redacted], and her [redacted]. [redacted] was sweating profusely and appeared to be out of breath. He told deputies he had been sleeping. Deputies asked the residents if there was anyone else inside the residence and they both said there was not. They also denied knowledge of the vehicle parked in front of the location.

While searching the downstairs of the location, deputies believed they heard noises coming from the upstairs area. Deputies made numerous announcements ordering anybody inside the location to exit and contact the deputies. There was no response from anyone inside the location. Deputies believed they heard additional thumping sounds coming from the upstairs area. Deputies believed a suspect was possibly hiding upstairs. They also believed the suspect may be armed with a handgun based upon their observation of the empty holster in the vehicle. Deputies stopped their search at the base of the stairs and contained the rest of the house.

Deputies requested K-9 units to assist with the search for the suspect who was believed to be armed with a handgun. While awaiting the K-9 units to arrive, deputies continued to make additional announcements ordering the suspect to surrender.

Deputy Schriever contacted the informant, [redacted] MW/[redacted], to get additional details of the informant's observations. [redacted] is a [redacted]. [redacted] said he saw the vehicle drive south on Sentry Lane without any lights on. The vehicle pulled into the

driveway of the location, backed up into the street, and parked along the curb in front of the location. He said the occupants of the vehicle did not exit the vehicle. [redacted] said he saw the patrol vehicle approach and illuminate the SUV with spotlights. When the patrol vehicle began to make its' U-turn a male white (later identified as Suspect Odell), shaved head and wearing a white t-shirt, exited the driver's side of the vehicle and ran east along the north side of the location. [redacted] said the passenger of the vehicle ran into the house.

Deputies told [redacted] they believed a suspect may still be hiding inside her house. She said nobody else should be inside the residence. Anyone else inside the location was there without her permission. She was asked for consent to search her house for the suspect and any firearms. She agreed and signed a "Consent to Search" waiver for her residence.

While checking the vehicle, Deputy Schriever found a case with a large amount of methamphetamine and packaging materials on the driver's side floorboard. A flare gun was found in the glove box. A DMV checked revealed the registered owner of the vehicle as Ronnie Lee Odell.

Canine Services Detail responded to assist in the search for the outstanding suspect. Deputy E. Barragan and I contacted Deputies Chappell and Schriever, who briefed us about the incident. While discussing the incident, deputies told us they recognized Suspect Odell as someone deputies have had numerous contacts with prior. They said Suspect Odell had been arrested with weapons and had fled from deputies on numerous occasions before. They told us Suspect Odell had an extensive and violent criminal history. They added that Special Enforcement Bureau deputies had assisted in serving search warrants for Suspect Odell in the past.

I interviewed [redacted] about what had occurred. He admitted to me that he had met with Suspect Odell to discuss issues related to Suspect Odell and his [redacted] "[redacted]." [redacted] said he is friends with [redacted]. He said he was inside the residence when Suspect Odell suddenly came inside the location. Suspect Odell told [redacted] he was in trouble. [redacted] said he told him to get out of the house and last saw Suspect Odell going upstairs. [redacted] said he heard the deputies outside and came out as they told him to. [redacted] said he didn't have a good relationship with Suspect Odell and was hoping his assistance with the suspect's relationship issues would make it better.

I interviewed [redacted] and she told me she did not know who the SUV belonged to. She said she went to bed earlier and only she and her [redacted] were in the house. She said she was currently undergoing chemotherapy for cancer and had got up to use the restroom when she heard deputies in her yard. She exited the house with her [redacted] as directed by the deputies. She said there should be nobody else in the house, as only she and her [redacted] live there. She said neither her, nor her [redacted], own or possesses any firearms.

I contacted Canine Services Detail Lieutenant B. Chase #[redacted] and discussed the details of the incident and the suspect's criminal history. Lieutenant Chase approved the deployment of a police service dog to search for the outstanding suspect. The deployment of the canine was approved based upon the following:

-The suspect fled from uniformed law enforcement officers, driving a marked patrol vehicle, rather than peacefully submitting to a lawful detention.

-The suspect was known to be an adult and had an extensive and violent criminal history.

-The suspect presented a threat to law enforcement and the community by running into a residential neighborhood after failing to yield to deputies.

-Deputies believed the suspect was armed. This was based upon the empty holster on top of the suspect's vehicle's center console along with deputies accounts of the suspect's past history of being armed.

-The suspect had a large amount of methamphetamine and packaging materials in his vehicle. It is common for suspects involved in the distribution of very large quantities of drugs to be armed so they can protect themselves, the drugs and their potential profits from other violent criminals.

-The suspect was possibly hiding in a residence, which gave him the opportunity to conceal himself and carry out an ambush on the law enforcement personnel who were now responsible for locating him.

-The suspect displayed a complete disregard for the safety and welfare of residents in the area, entering an occupied home in an attempt to further avoid capture. It was believed Suspect Odell was armed at the time he fled. Entering into people's homes in order to avoid capture is not only extremely dangerous and terrifying for the occupants, but many residences have household items which the suspect could arm himself with to use against law enforcement and/or to take the occupants hostage.

-The deployment of a police service dog would decrease the chances of a deputy involved shooting and allow for a safer means of locating and detaining the suspect.

-The use of a police service dog would provide deputies the ability to locate the suspect from a safer distance, minimizing their exposure while also allowing them to utilize cover and concealment prior to engaging him.

Deputy Barragan assembled a search team which included his police service dog "Mike", me (Sergeant P. Hayes), and CSD Deputy D. Missel.

Deputy Barragan made numerous announcements from the base of the stairs. Deputy Barragan called the suspect by name. He directed the announcements to the bedrooms upstairs. The announcements informed the suspect a police service dog was

going to be used to find him and he may be bitten when located. The announcements provided the suspect with ample opportunity to surrender and avoid any contact with the police service dog. Deputy Barragan made numerous announcements over 15 minutes. Deputy Barragan had his dog bark several times as well in an attempt to get the suspect to surrender. There was no response from the suspect to any of the announcements.

Utilizing his dog, Deputy Barragan and the search team researched the downstairs of the location. This was done to ensure the suspect had not avoided detection when the area was searched earlier. Once the downstairs was cleared, Deputy Barragan sent his dog up the stairs on a search command. We noticed "Mike" appeared to give an indication at the top of the stairs near a vent. Just to the right of the vent was a door and the attic access was inside the room directly above the door. The dog's indication appeared to be a high alert. All but one of the room doors upstairs were open and the dog cleared each of the rooms. Deputies Chappell and Schriever were positioned to cover the room with the attic access until the search team could clear the room behind the closed door.

Once the team set up on the closed door, Deputy Barragan opened the door and sent his dog to search the room. The room was a small bedroom with a bed, shelves and other bedroom furniture. The room was cluttered with household items as well. The dog gave no indications and returned to Deputy Barragan. We saw a closed, small door in the bedroom. Deputy Barragan slowly turned the handle of the door to open it slightly and moved back to a positon of cover. He sent his dog to search behind the door, which turned out to be a closet. Once the dog entered the closet he immediately came in contact with Suspect Odell. We could hear the suspect yell and see the dog involved in a struggle with the suspect as the door was pushed partially opened. We could see the dog was biting Suspect Odell on the right wrist. Suspect Odell was standing just inside the closet. The closet door was prevented from opening fully by a box on the floor. Suspect Odell was pulled to the ground by the dog. As Suspect Odell fell, the dog lost his grip on the wrist and reset a bite on Suspect Odell's left bicep area. Deputy Barragan ordered Suspect Odell to show both of his hands and crawl all the way out of the closet. Once Deputy Barragan saw Suspect Odell was not armed he removed his dog from the bite. Suspect Odell was handcuffed and searched for weapons.

Suspect Odell was approximately 15 feet away from the search team when located and bitten by canine Mike. The duration of the bite was brief, approximately 15-20 seconds.

Deputy Barragan's announcements were made from approximately 40 feet from where Suspect Odell was eventually located.

Suspect Odell gave his true name when asked by me.

Suspect Odell was treated at the scene by Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine #134, under the direction of Captain Marshal. The suspect was then transported to Antelope Valley Hospital Medical Center by Lancaster Station unit #111, Deputy R. Klumpp #[redacted]. He was treated by Doctor J. Termeer for canine rakes and punctures

to his right wrist and left bicep. The x-ray revealed a possible fracture or tooth fragment in his right wrist, so he was admitted for further evaluation of his injuries.

Lancaster Station Watch Commander, Lieutenant R. Martinez #[redacted], Canine Services Detail Lieutenant Chase, and Lieutenant Flores, Internal Affairs Bureau, were notified of the incident.

After Suspect Odell's arrest, Deputy Chappell advised [redacted]. Of his Miranda rights and questioned him about the incident and his connection to Suspect Odell. [redacted] said Suspect Odell was at the location to smoke crack with him. He and Suspect Odell ran into the house because they were in possession of methamphetamine. While inside the house, Suspect Odell told him he needed to go outside to hide a firearm. He said they tried to come up with a plan on what to do so they would not go to jail. Suspect Odell ran upstairs and took off his clothes to make it appear he was asleep. [redacted] admitted he was also on [redacted].

[redacted] was subsequently arrested for Accessory to a Crime, 32 P.C.

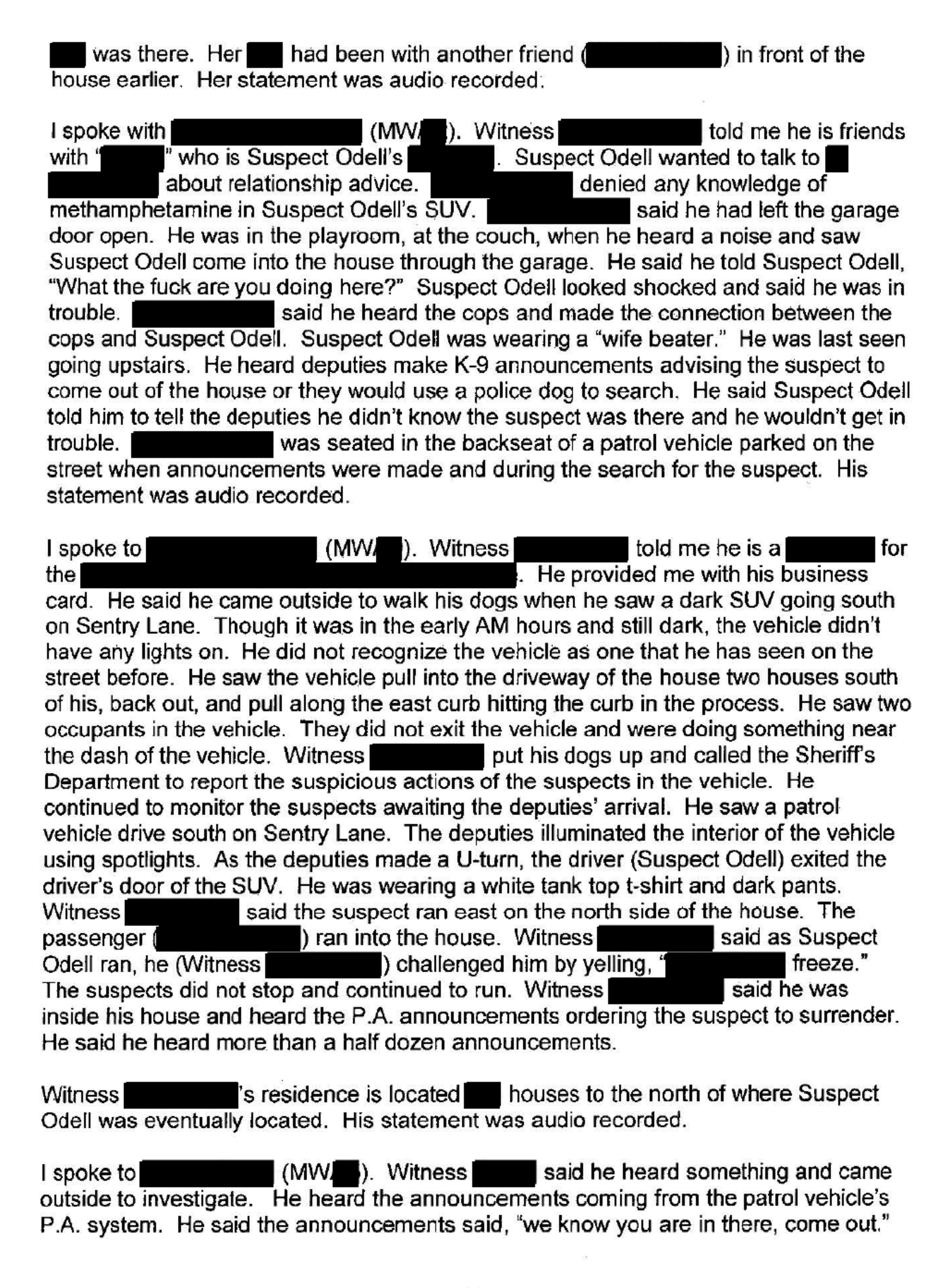
Further investigation revealed the Suspect Odell's SUV was a non-reported stolen vehicle (see URN# 914-13514-1122-091 for further).

Based upon statements by [redacted] that Suspect Odell hid a firearm, Detectives D. Gore #[redacted] and J. Wilson #[redacted] responded back to the location to re-search the location for Suspect Odell's firearm on 08-06-14. A Bersa Thunder 380, .380 caliber semi-auto handgun was recovered in an adjoining backyard of the location. The handgun was loaded with two live rounds. The handgun was booked into evidence and sent for a DNA check.

**WITNESS INTERVIEWS**

I spoke with [redacted] (FW/[redacted]). Witness [redacted] told me she was in her house when she woke up and saw lights in her back yard. She heard pounding on her door. She went to the door and contacted deputies. The deputies told her someone had run into her house. Deputies evacuated Witness [redacted] and her [redacted] to the front porch. She told the deputies she was getting cold and that she was a chemo patient. The deputies got her some jackets and took her to a patrol vehicle and let her sit in the front seat. She did not see anyone run into her house. She said she did not know who owns the SUV parked in front of her house. She said she did not know or recognize Suspect Odell. She added that Suspect Odell did not have her permission to be in her house. She said she could hear the deputies ordering the suspect to come out of the house. She heard this while on the front porch and while seated in the patrol vehicle which was parked on the street about one house south of the location.

Witness [redacted] was not aware if Suspect Odell knew her [redacted], [redacted]. She added that her [redacted]'s legal address is her house, though he does not always stay there. He had recently been [redacted] and is on [redacted]. She said she was in court with her [redacted] on Monday trying to get him into [redacted]. She said when she went to bed only her



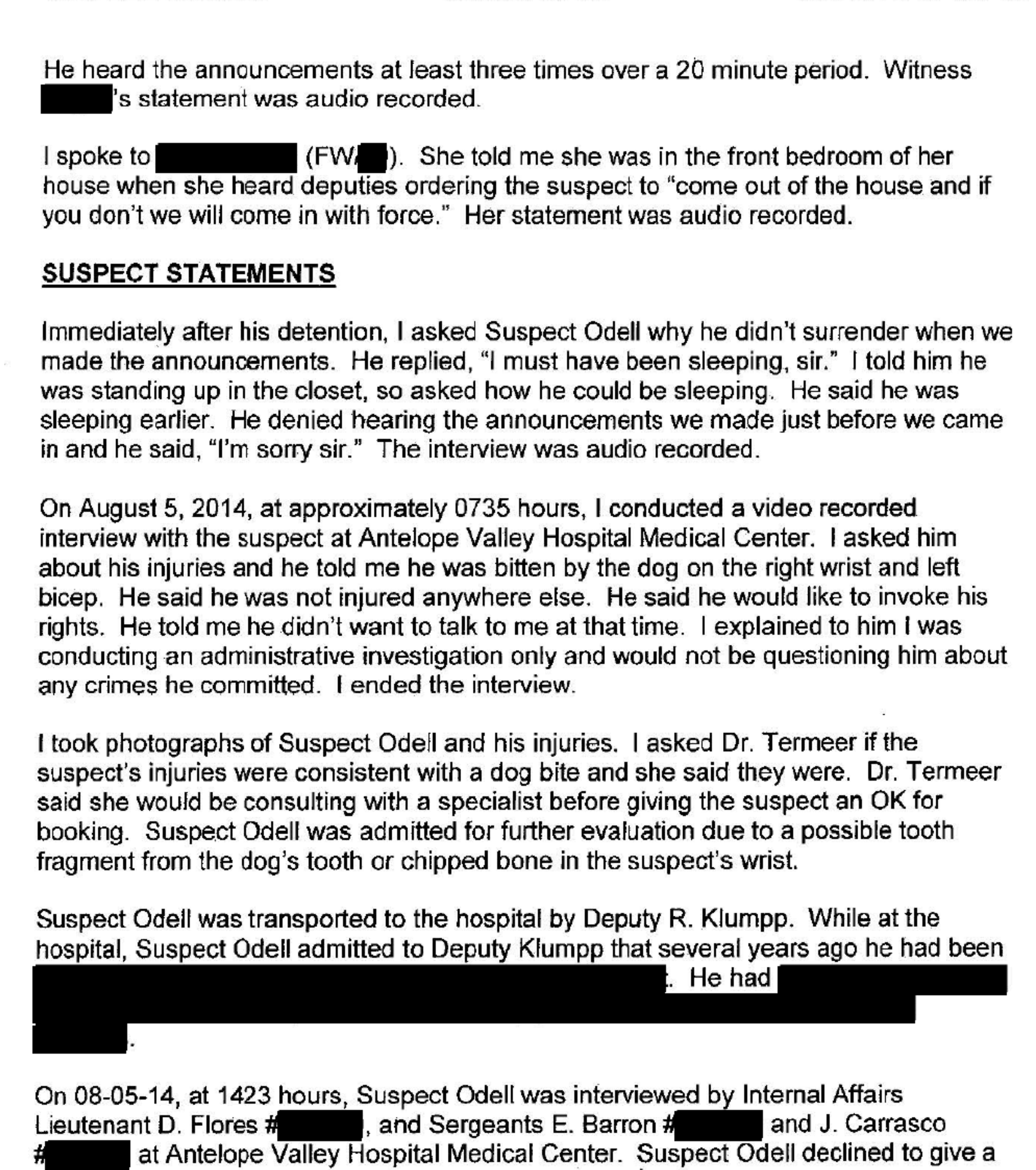
[redacted] was there. Her [redacted] had been with another friend ([redacted]) in front of the house earlier. Her statement was audio recorded.

I spoke with [redacted] (MW/[redacted]). Witness [redacted] told me he is friends with "[redacted]" who is Suspect Odell's [redacted]. Suspect Odell wanted to talk to [redacted] about relationship advice. [redacted] denied any knowledge of methamphetamine in Suspect Odell's SUV. [redacted] said he had left the garage door open. He was in the playroom, at the couch, when he heard a noise and saw Suspect Odell come into the house through the garage. He said he told Suspect Odell, "What the fuck are you doing here?" Suspect Odell looked shocked and said he was in trouble. [redacted] said he heard the cops and made the connection between the cops and Suspect Odell. Suspect Odell was wearing a "wife beater." He was last seen going upstairs. He heard deputies make K-9 announcements advising the suspect to come out of the house or they would use a police dog to search. He said Suspect Odell told him to tell the deputies he didn't know the suspect was there and he wouldn't get in trouble. [redacted] was seated in the backseat of a patrol vehicle parked on the street when announcements were made and during the search for the suspect. His statement was audio recorded.

I spoke to [redacted] (MW/[redacted]). Witness [redacted] told me he is a [redacted] for the [redacted]. He provided me with his business card. He said he came outside to walk his dogs when he saw a dark SUV going south on Sentry Lane. Though it was in the early AM hours and still dark, the vehicle didn't have any lights on. He did not recognize the vehicle as one that he has seen on the street before. He saw the vehicle pull into the driveway of the house two houses south of his, back out, and pull along the east curb hitting the curb in the process. He saw two occupants in the vehicle. They did not exit the vehicle and were doing something near the dash of the vehicle. Witness [redacted] put his dogs up and called the Sheriff's Department to report the suspicious actions of the suspects in the vehicle. He continued to monitor the suspects awaiting the deputies' arrival. He saw a patrol vehicle drive south on Sentry Lane. The deputies illuminated the interior of the vehicle using spotlights. As the deputies made a U-turn, the driver (Suspect Odell) exited the driver's door of the SUV. He was wearing a white tank top t-shirt and dark pants. Witness [redacted] said the suspect ran east on the north side of the house. The passenger ([redacted]) ran into the house. Witness [redacted] said as Suspect Odell ran, he (Witness [redacted]) challenged him by yelling, "[redacted] freeze." The suspects did not stop and continued to run. Witness [redacted] said he was inside his house and heard the P.A. announcements ordering the suspect to surrender. He said he heard more than a half dozen announcements.

Witness [redacted]'s residence is located [redacted] houses to the north of where Suspect Odell was eventually located. His statement was audio recorded.

I spoke to [redacted] (MW/[redacted]). Witness [redacted] said he heard something and came outside to investigate. He heard the announcements coming from the patrol vehicle's P.A. system. He said the announcements said, "we know you are in there, come out."



He heard the announcements at least three times over a 20 minute period. Witness [redacted]'s statement was audio recorded.

I spoke to [redacted] (FW[redacted]). She told me she was in the front bedroom of her house when she heard deputies ordering the suspect to "come out of the house and if you don't we will come in with force." Her statement was audio recorded.

**SUSPECT STATEMENTS**

Immediately after his detention, I asked Suspect Odell why he didn't surrender when we made the announcements. He replied, "I must have been sleeping, sir." I told him he was standing up in the closet, so asked how he could be sleeping. He said he was sleeping earlier. He denied hearing the announcements we made just before we came in and he said, "I'm sorry sir." The interview was audio recorded.

On August 5, 2014, at approximately 0735 hours, I conducted a video recorded interview with the suspect at Antelope Valley Hospital Medical Center. I asked him about his injuries and he told me he was bitten by the dog on the right wrist and left bicep. He said he was not injured anywhere else. He said he would like to invoke his rights. He told me he didn't want to talk to me at that time. I explained to him I was conducting an administrative investigation only and would not be questioning him about any crimes he committed. I ended the interview.

I took photographs of Suspect Odell and his injuries. I asked Dr. Termeer if the suspect's injuries were consistent with a dog bite and she said they were. Dr. Termeer said she would be consulting with a specialist before giving the suspect an OK for booking. Suspect Odell was admitted for further evaluation due to a possible tooth fragment from the dog's tooth or chipped bone in the suspect's wrist.

Suspect Odell was transported to the hospital by Deputy R. Klumpp. While at the hospital, Suspect Odell admitted to Deputy Klumpp that several years ago he had been [redacted]. He had [redacted].

On 08-05-14, at 1423 hours, Suspect Odell was interviewed by Internal Affairs Lieutenant D. Flores #[redacted], and Sergeants E. Barron #[redacted] and J. Carrasco #[redacted] at Antelope Valley Hospital Medical Center. Suspect Odell declined to give a statement even after it was explained the statement was for an administrative investigation only. Suspect Odell said he was completely compliant and the dog bite went on for too long. When asked to explain further he replied, "I'm done."

**CONCLUSION**

This force incident occurred as a direct result of the suspect's actions and decisions. The suspect fled from uniformed deputies driving a marked patrol vehicle, rather than submit to a lawful detention. The suspect entered an occupied residence and

attempted to hide inside, dangerously escalating the situation. The occupants of the residence who exited could not confirm that Suspect Odell remained inside, but did confirm that he did not have permission to be there. Deputies initially investigating the incident had heard noises, but also could not confirm that they were generated by Suspect Odell. Therefore, based upon the totality of the circumstances, the danger presented to deputy personnel if Suspect Odell was armed and inside hiding made the deployment of the canine to assist in the search reasonable and prudent.

Numerous canine announcements were made and it was confirmed that residents in the area had clearly heard and understood the intent of the announcements. Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies were in the area for a prolonged period of time and made numerous announcements both over the P.A. system and verbally. The suspect was even called by his name during these announcements. Even though the team did not yet know with certainty that the suspect had remained inside hiding, they made additional verbal announcements inside the house, again appealing to him to make himself known and surrender.

It is clear that the suspect had ample opportunity to surrender, but chose not to. He denied hearing the canine announcements and said he had fallen asleep. Yet, when the dog located and bit him, the suspect was standing upright, inside a closet. Had the suspect simply made his presence known and surrendered peacefully at any point prior to the deployment of the canine to clear the area where he remained hiding, he would not have come in contact with the police service dog.

Suspect Odell's statement that the bite went on for too long is neither substantiated nor consistent with his injuries. His injuries were only punctures and rakes to his bicep and wrist. He was hospitalized because a possible foreign object, i.e. bone chip or chip from the dog's tooth, was observed on the x-ray of his wrist. This was likely caused by the pressure of the dog bite to the wrist. I, Sergeant Hayes, was also present during the arrest of the suspect and believe Deputy Barragan's estimate of the time the dog was on the bite is accurate.

**CHARGES**

The suspect was arrested for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, 29800(a)(1) P.C., Transportation of a Controlled Substance for Sale, 11379(a) H.S., and Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) for Sale, 11378(a) H.S. Suspect Odell was [redacted]

Suspect Odell was [redacted]. The case filing in this incident has been preliminarily rejected by the DA, pending the results of DNA testing of the recovered handgun, which had not yet occurred at the time of this report.

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## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES-SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT-SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

**DATE:** 8-05-14 **FILE:** 914-13491-1127-151

**C:** Felon in possession of a firearm 29800(a)(1)PC/ F/151
**C:** Transportation of a controlled substance for sales 11379(a)HS/F/184
Possession of a controlled substance (Meth) for sales
**C:** 11378(a)HS/F/184

**ACTION:** Active / Additional Information

**V:**

**S:** Odell, Ronnie Lee M/W Bln/Grn 602/200 DOB12/03/79 Bkg# 4052235

**NARRATIVE**

The purpose of this supplemental report is to provide additional information regarding the arrest of Suspect Ronnie Odell and the deployment of Los Angeles County Sheriff Canine Team 240K96 (Deputy Edwin Barragan and police service dog "Mike" P-114).

On August 5th 2014, I (Deputy Edwin Barragan #[redacted] 240K96) responded to [redacted] Sentry Lane, City of Lancaster to assist Lancaster Station personnel for the search of a 459 Suspect who was believed to be armed with a small caliber handgun.

Upon my arrival, I contacted Unit 111A Deputies A. Chappell #[redacted] and Schriever #[redacted] who briefed me on the following: They responded to the 43700 Block of Sentry Lane regarding a call for service (Lancaster Tag 49) of suspicious persons in a dark SUV with lights off, driving up the street.

When the deputies pulled up to investigate, they illuminated the SUV and did not see anyone inside. As they made a U-turn to pull behind the vehicle, they observed a male running eastbound from the SUV and run inside of the open garage of [redacted] Sentry Lane (This suspect was later identified as [redacted]. Additional information provided by the informant of the call described the second person as the driver of the SUV. The informant had seen the driver exit the SUV and run along the north side of the above residence while the deputies were making the U-turn. The driver of the vehicle was described as a male/white adult with a shaved head wearing a white muscle shirt.

**Approved:** Sergeant P. Hayes #[redacted] **By:** Deputy Edwin Barragan #[redacted]

**Assigned:** DB

**Secretary:** BM

**Date:** 8-8-14 **Time:** ___________

When both Deputies approached the SUV to investigate, they noticed an empty gun holster on top of the center console and in plain view. Based on their observation, and believing that they were dealing with a burglary in progress with possible armed suspects, they requested additional units and established containment of the residence.

During the course of their investigation, the deputies learned that the registered owner of the SUV was Ronnie Odell who is known by deputy personnel as having an [redacted]. Believing that S/Odell was hiding inside the house, they evacuated the residence. An elderly female by the name of [redacted], and [redacted] walked out.

I interviewed [redacted] who stated that she did not know S/Odell. She also stated that whoever "Ronnie" is, he is not allowed inside her residence. I also interviewed [redacted]. I asked him if he knew who knew any of anyone hiding inside the residence. He eventually admitted to have seen R. Odell run inside the house claiming he was in trouble. He stated that he saw S/Odell run up stairs.

A check of the S/R. Odell's [redacted].

A further search of the vehicle revealed a large amount of methamphetamine and packaging materials. The amount of drug is more than what is commonly considered for personal use. It is more consistent with being repackaged and sold. Drug dealers are always being robbed for their drugs and money. It is common for them to be armed to protect themselves and their product.

Based on the below facts it was decided to utilize my police service dog ("Mike-P114) to search for the hidden suspect.

1. A large amount of methamphetamine was located inside S/R. Odell's vehicle.

2. S/Odell was believed to be armed with a handgun evident by the empty holster left on top of the center console of his vehicle.

3. S/Odell fled into a residence that did not belong to him and was not allowed to be inside.

4. S/Odell stated to [redacted] that he was being chased by the police and was actively attempting to flee and hide.

5. The residence which S/Odell fled into afforded him many confined areas to conceal himself. These areas of concealment also provide him with advantage from which he could carry out an ambush of the deputy responsible for locating him.

6. The deployment of my police service dog would increase the likelihood that the suspect would be safely located.

7. The deployment of my police service dog would decrease the chances of a deputy involved shooting during the search for the suspect, thus providing a greater degree of safety for the suspect, residents, and deputy personnel.

Canine Services Detail Sgt. P. Hayes agreed and authorized the deployment. I along with my search team which included Deputy D. Missel #[redacted], and Sgt. P. Hayes established a plan to search for the suspect.

Prior to deploying canine "Mike" into the house, I made loud verbal canine announcements for the suspect to surrender or a dog will be used to find him. During the course of my announcements, I instructed my dog to bark in an attempt to get the suspect to surrender and avoid contact with the canine. I continued the verbal canine announcements for approximately 15 minutes and even called him out by name. The suspect failed to surrender or make himself known.

I deployed canine "Mike" inside the house and he detailed the downstairs. This area had already been cleared by Lancaster personnel. We moved to the stairs and made additional announcements and received no response. I instructed canine "Mike" to search the landing and upstairs. While clearing the landing he gave a slight alert near the attic vent. We continued searching the bedrooms. We reached the second bedroom which had a door closed. Without any indication from the canine, I opened the door and had him clear the room.

When I looked inside the room, I noticed a closed door to the left of the room. In an attempt to minimize the threat, I slightly cracked the door and moved back to a position of cover. I instructed Canine "Mike" to search the behind the door. When he entered the room, which turned out to be a closet, he located and bit the suspect who was hiding inside. My dog was biting Suspect Odell, who was standing, on the left wrist. Suspect Odell fell to the ground and "Mike" lost his grip and bit Suspect Odell on the left bicep. I ordered the suspect to crawl out with his hands where we could see them. When I saw that the suspect was not armed, I removed "Mike" from the bite. Suspect Odell was then handcuffed without further incident.

Paramedics assigned to the Los Angeles County Fire Engine Company #134 under the command of Captain Marshal responded and treated S/Odell. S/Odell was transported to Antelope Valley Hospital for treatment.

S/Odell sustained canine rakes and punctures to his left bicep and right wrist.

I was approximately 15 feet from canine "Mike" when he located the suspect. Canine "Mike" was on the bite for approximately 15-20 seconds.

Canine Services Detail Sgt. P. Hayes will conduct the force investigation.